

SESSION CHECK-IN

HOUSE DISTRICT 36

Dear Friends and Constituents,

I hope this message finds you well. So much has happened since I was sworn into office, and I wanted to share some **exciting news** with you all.

JOINT TOWN HALL

I am happy to announce my first **Joint Town Hall** with Senator Wlnsvey Campos and Representative Farrah Chaichi!

Join us next **Thursday, 3/16 at 6:30 pm** at the Beaverton City Council Chambers (12725 SW Millikan Way) for a discussion on our session priorities with Mayor Beaty as our moderator.

RSVP here:

<https://tinyurl.com/JTH316>.



LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

I'm proud to be championing several bills this session to improve the health of Oregonians by **addressing workforce issues** and **expanding access to care**.

Three of those bills passed out of the House Behavioral Health & Health Care Committee **unanimously this week: HB 2996, HB 3223, and HB 2994**.

And a fourth bill passed out of committee with **strong, bipartisan support: HB 3007**.



Selfie with Rep. Javadi after a successful "Oral Health Day" in committee.

Rep. Cyrus Javadi, of House District 32, is a fellow dentist and has been a strong partner with me in our efforts to **elevate oral health issues** within the legislature this session.

In particular, I appreciate his partnership on **HB 2996 & HB 3223**, a pair of bills I introduced to address our dental assistant shortage and remove a costly barrier for individuals seeking to enter the field. Dental assistants are critical to the work we do in our clinics. These two bills will **ensure quality candidates** get certified while also **centering patient safety**.

HB 2996 & HB 3223 will be coming to the House Floor for a vote next week, so stay tuned!

I am also proud to **champion HB 2994** this session with Rep. Lisa Reynolds of House District 34.

This bill **expands access to hearing aids, cochlear implants and assistive listening devices for children** on commercial insurance, Medicaid, PEBB and OEBB.

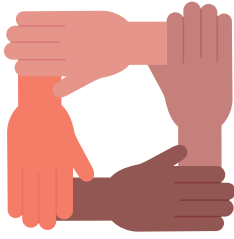
I am so grateful for the **strong partnership** of the advocacy team at the **Pacific Northwest Chapter of AG Bell!** They helped coordinate the testimonies of three families at our public hearing last month.

Several members of the audience shed tears from the parent's and children's moving testimonies. Check out the recording here (at 42:50): <https://tinyurl.com/HCFeb15>.



With Rep. Reynolds and advocates from AG Bell at the public hearing.

BIPOC CAUCUS



I am proud to join the largest cohort of legislators of color in Oregon's history! We now have **17 members of the Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) Caucus** this session.

I am also honored to have been elected by my colleagues as the **Vice Chair of Policy and Communications** alongside Representative Nathan Sosa of House District 30.

Rep. Sosa and I have been working hard the past several weeks to **determine how the caucus can support policies and investments** this session to help all our communities navigate out of the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is important, now more than ever, to invest in our communities and build better infrastructure. I am excited to bring my perspectives and experiences as a pediatric dentist and business owner to this new role and help move us toward a more **equitable recovery for all Oregonians.**

IN CLOSING

Of course, I have also been busy testifying on bills and meeting with constituents, advocates, agencies, and other elected officials to **support the people of Hillsboro, Beaverton and communities all across the state!**

I hope you will drop by my Capitol office for a hello if you are ever in Salem - I got an **espresso machine** for the front office for a quick pick-me-up!

Don't forget to follow me on social media for more news during session. I plan to send out newsletters more frequently to keep you up-to-date with my legislative work and events.

My team is always available by email and phone so don't hesitate to reach out:

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503-986-1436.

Wishing you and your families a safe and warm March,

REPRESENTATIVE HAI PHAM, DMD



Selfie with the production team while filming a video in support of HB 3090 (a bill to prevent youth nicotine addiction)

With Sen. Hansell after testifying in support of his bill SB 463 (a bill to make proton beam therapy more accessible to cancer patients)



In Washington DC for the first White House Lunar New Year Event!



Rep. Schouten's visit to chat about public health investments!



With Beaverton Mayor Lacey Beaty at my Capitol office



Lunch with Governor Kotek and other first-year legislators

When life gives you snow, you make a snowman!



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